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## LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, April 26 ----- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street  
Cocktails at Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM SHARP  
\$3.00 ---- Tip and Tax Included ----- \$3.50 for Guests

## BACKTALK ABOUT THE FAR EAST

by

RICHARD JOHNSTON

New York Times Correspondent

This will be a no-holds-barred attack on what JOHNSTON calls "the correspondents' bleeding hearts club." After four years in Korea for the New York Times, JOHNSTON has little sympathy for newsmen who moan about difficulties encountered in covering their beats. "Nothing is inaccessible for those who want to work," JOHNSTON says. His talk will be a two-fisted challenge to correspondents who have "gone soft" while overseas.

The Bulletin is published one day late this week to permit announcement of Annual Election returns.

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## O F F I C I A L

Television Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, April 24, 5:45 PM  
 Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, May 1, 8 PM

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LOCHNER ELECTED PRESIDENT BY ACCLAMATION

DALY, GRAY AND FRANTZ NAMED V-P'S

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LOUIS P. LOCHNER, author, lecturer and former Associated Press bureau chief in Berlin, was elected President of the Overseas Press Club of America by unanimous vote at the official Annual Meeting and Election of Officers held at Toots Shor's Restaurant on April 20. LOCHNER succeeds FRANK KELLEY, national editor of the New York Herald Tribune.

Balloting for Vice-Presidents resulted in posts for JOHN CHARLES DALY, radio and television commentator; RALPH JULES FRANTZ, retiring Club Treasurer and staff member of the New York Herald Tribune; and WILLIAM P. GRAY, assistant editor of Life magazine.

Also elected by acclaim were RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., associate editor of Coronet, as Secretary, and LEO BRANHAM, of the Associated Press, who assumes the duties of Treasurer.

The following Club members were elected to the Board of Governors:

LARRY LESUEUR, UN correspondent for CBS  
 HAL BOYLE, Associated Press columnist  
 TEMPLE FIELDING, free-lance writer  
 BEATRICE MATHIEU, New Yorker magazine  
 LAWRENCE BLOCHMAN, author and writer  
 HENRY GELLERMANN, financial editor, Transradio Press Service  
 VICTOR LASKY, writer, New York World-Telegram and Sun  
 IRENE KUHN, free-lance writer  
 ADELAIDE KERR, Associated Press correspondent  
 GERALDINE SARTAIN, public relations, YWCA  
 BERT BRANDT, Acme Newspictures  
 HAL LEHRMAN, writer and lecturer  
 PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE, Carl Byoir & Associates

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President FRANK KELLEY called the meeting to order at 9:11 PM, following a buffet supper. He termed himself "the happiest man in the world" to be leaving the office and predicted "a great year for the Club." Past President W.W. CHAPLIN then called for a quorum, a move which touched off a half-hour discussion regarding definition of member-eligibility and clarification of a quorum status. Acting on a request from the floor, the Executive Secretary disclosed the Club roster now includes 602 Active Members, 70 Associate Members and 29 Guest Members. Paid-up membership consists of 227 actives, 30 associates and seven

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guests. At 9:30 PM CHAPLIN withdrew his challenge and President KELLEY declared the existence of a quorum.

#### Treasurer's Report

Retiring Treasurer RALPH JULES FRANTZ reported receipts for the Club year ending March 31 of \$22,697.82 and normal expenditures of \$19,889, thus leaving a \$2,807.96 excess of receipts over expenses. However, the Club paid \$2,811 into the Correspondents Fund, plus an additional \$150 paid directly without having been credited to income, so there was a net excess of \$3.04 in disbursements over receipts.

FRANTZ reported chief items of income were: dues and entrance fees, \$10,501; income from advertising in The Bulletin, \$2,785; income from television program, \$5,755.67; profit on annual dinner, \$1,205.93. Chief items of expenses were: salaries and services \$8,445.55; printing and mailing \$4,927.27; rent, \$2,566, and, to the Correspondents Fund, \$2,811 plus \$150.

The annual financial statement of the Club, as audited and certified by William August Ohrberg, C.P.A., is on file at the Club offices where it may be inspected by any member on request.

At the conclusion of FRANTZ's report, Past President BOB CONSIDINE's motion that FRANTZ be presented a suitable gift or scroll was unanimously passed.

#### Book Committee Report

WILLIAM DOERFLINGER, Book Committee Chairman, reported that a new book project, involving publication of a volume of collected anecdotes and experiences, is now under way. Letters will shortly go out to the membership, he said, soliciting material on members' experiences abroad. This book will reflect a "lighter tone" than the Club's past publications, DOERFLINGER said.

#### Dinner Committee Report

"My heart sank in my boots," Dinner Chairman LOUIS P. LOCHNER began, "when I was given this job only five weeks from the date set for the affair." Nevertheless, a committee which LOCHNER praised highly went to work on a dinner which resulted in a \$1,205.93 profit for the Club. This compared favorably, he said, with the \$1,700 realized from last year's dinner which celebrated a Club anniversary and entertained General of the Army George C. Marshall. Among recommendations placed on record by Chairman LOCHNER were those to appoint a committee early in the fall, maintain a constant check list of possible dinner guests, contract for additional entertainment and place more ladies on the dais. LOCHNER also announced that March 9 has been tentatively set as the date for the 1951 annual dinner. At the conclusion of his report, LOCHNER received a unanimous vote of thanks.

#### Speakers Committee Report

Among the difficulties encountered by Chairman HENRY GELLERMANN during his four-month tenure as Speakers Committee chief was reluctance of important personalities to speak before the Club because of loyalty hysteria and trouble in selecting a place for Club dinners and luncheons that would be both easily accessible and reasonable in price. He also recommended that the Committee next year be composed of members closely informed on current events and in contact with potential speakers.

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Television Committee Report

Due to the illness of Chairman GERALDINE SARTAIN, her report was read by MATTHEW HUTTNER, who announced that the Overseas Press Club TV show had been renewed by Columbia Broadcasting System for another 13 weeks, thus carrying it over the professionally-hazardous summer months. He also reported good response to past telecasts, and suggested that the new committee move to improve the format of the show, introducing more drama and "more spirit of the OPC", as well as prepare future concrete plans for program expansion with CBS. A vote of thanks was given the Television Committee at the suggestion of President FRANK KELLEY.

Bulletin Committee Report

Committee Chairman and Bulletin Acting Editor RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., reported that certain improvements in Bulletin content, appearance and format had been made by his Committee during his four months at its head. He also recommended that the succeeding Bulletin Committee expand coverage of The Bulletin, design a new flagline of more artistic merit than the present one and select a committee on volunteer basis.

Balloting for Club offices began at 10:15, preceded by brief nominating speeches from the floor. The slate prepared by the Nominations Committee was placed in nomination at the same time. Final results of the last polling -- for members of the Board of Governors -- were reported at 11:15 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

## : NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

## ACTIVE:

Erney C. Prince, Dell Publishing Co. Germany, Austria, France and England, 1925-1935; Germany, Austria, France, Italy, England, 1944-1947, all for International News Photos. Proposed by JOSEPH WURZEL; seconded by LEO BRANHAM.

## ASSOCIATE:

Hans Hinrichs, free-lance writer. Maiden trip of the "Hindenburg", Germany, 1936, for Staten Island Advance; Peru, 1940, for Motor Boating. Proposed by LOUIS P. LOCHNER; seconded by FRANK E. MASON.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

## Active:

ARTHUR D. HOLZMAN, WMCA (210 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, R.I.)  
 PORTER MCKEEVER, U.S. Mission to UN (511 East 20th St., New York, N.Y.)  
 WAYNE RICHARDSON, Associated Press (50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y.)  
 ROBERT TRUMBULL, New York Times (c/o The NY Times, 229 West 43rd St., New York, N.Y.)  
 FRANK BRAY GIBNEY, Time (16 Oakshade Avenue, Darien, Conn.)  
 WILLIAM R. MIZELLE, McGraw-Hill International (31 Gramercy Park, New York, N.Y.)  
 VIRGINIA PREWETT MIZELLE, free-lance writer (31 Gramercy Park, New York, N.Y.)  
 HELEN BUCKLER, free-lance writer (405 West 54th St., New York, N.Y.)

## Guest:

VICTOR SHIMKIN, Novoye Russkoye Slovo (243 West 56th St., New York, N.Y.)

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Manuel Trucco, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chile, will be guest of honor next Sunday on the Overseas Press Club's television show. Appearing with him will be RAY JOSEPHS,

former Philadelphia Evening Bulletin correspondent in Latin American and author of "Latin American Diary" and HILDA LLODIO, chief of the Latin American desk at Monogram International Corporation and former assistant press attache in the American Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. Subject of discussion will be "Chile -- Stronghold of Democracy in the South." (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, Sunday, April 23, 5-5:30 PM)

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OPC TELEVISION'S "COMING ATTRACTIONS"

The Television Committee this week announced the following schedule of future Overseas Press Club TV attractions:

April 30 -- "Will Ireland Unite?"  
May 7 -- "Covering the United Nations"  
May 14 -- "Israel: Two Years of Achievement"  
May 21 -- "Our National Defense: Is America Strong Enough?"  
May 28 -- "The New Battle for Germany"

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION HONOR MEDAL will go to EUGENE LYONS for his article, "Speak Up for America!", in the American Legion Magazine...New Information Specialist over at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, N.J., is MYER AGEN...OMAR GARRISON has just returned from a six-week junket to Paris, Rome and Madrid for the Los Angeles Mirror..."Can College Teach a Professional Attitude?" was the subject of ADELE NATHAN's lecture last week before graduates of Goucher College in Baltimore...ELSIE MCCORMICK (Mrs. Marshall Dunn) has moved back to "the tall timbers" of her Westport home from her temporary hotel residence in New York...Off for two weeks with the traveling NBC Symphony Orchestra is JOSEPH DINE of NBC's publicity staff...

LIFE'S JOHN PHILLIPS has resigned to free lance, while Time's Rio correspondent, CONNIE BURWELL WHITE is leaving the newsmag "to be at home"...HENRY C. WOLFE's piece, "Germany: Time Bomb of Europe", is the lead article in the May American Mercury...This Week has just purchased an article by RAY JOSEPHS on "Can We Afford to Tempt Our Judges", about jurists who cannot afford to live on their present salaries...HARRY ZINDER has a mss. in the April 29 Statevepost...And President LOUIS P. LOCHNER's "Close-up of Fritz Kreisler" appears in the May issue of Guideposts...

SUMMER SUBLET: 7-room house, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage, large yard, Nyack, N.Y., from June 15 through Labor Day. \$500. Telephone Mrs. H.R. Knickerbocker, Nyack 7-1078.

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Acting Editor

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